

Olivet Presbyterian Church

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The Diaconate

James R. Clinton	Malcolm H. Harshaw	John F. Hawley, <i>Chairman</i>
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The Women in the Church

Sandra Currence, <i>President</i>	Kathy Fairfax, <i>Nursery/Children’s Church</i>
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Susan Petty, <i>Secretary</i>	Ina Ruth Johnson, <i>Historian</i>
	Frankie Guempel, <i>Circle Chair</i>

Our Missionaries

Peter and Diane Bakelaar (<i>MTW-Japan</i>)	Brian Howard (<i>RUF1-Clemson University</i>)
Garry and Anita Chambers (<i>MTW-Caribbean Region</i>)	Sara Driggers (<i>Wycliffe</i>)
	Roger and Laura Dye (<i>Family Life – U.S. Latino</i>)

Ministry Committees, 2026

Discipleship Ministries Committee

Lee Summerville, <i>Chairman</i> (2026)	Susan Petty (2026)
Megan Covington (2027)	Pete Lawson (2028)
Lee Guempel (2028)	Lorie Hawley (2028)

Missions Committee

Jason Petty, <i>Chairman</i> (2026)	Dennis Krueger (2026)
Bryce Laws (2027)	Scharlie Carlisle (2027)
Chris Arnold (2028)	Abby Sikes (2028)

Witness Committee

Austin Simpson, <i>Chairman</i> (2026)	Barbara Lawson (2026)
Gwen Carlisle (2027)	Michael Laws (2027)
Bobby Mendenhall (2028)	Jimmy Hawley (2028)



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McConnells, South Carolina

A member congregation of
The Presbyterian Church in America (PCA)



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The Lord's Day, January 11, 2026

Prelude Preparation for Worship

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship Pastor Chip McArthur

Oh come, let us sing to the LORD;
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!
Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;
let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!
For the LORD is a great God,
and a great King above all gods.
In his hand are the depths of the earth;
the heights of the mountains are his also.
The sea is his, for he made it,
and his hands formed the dry land.

Oh come, let us worship and bow down;
let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!
For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture,
and the sheep of his hand.

(Psalm 95:1-7, ESV)

*Hymn 2 *O Worship the King* Congregation

*Invocation and the Lord's Prayer

*Hymn 36 *Lord, Thou Hast Searched Me (Psalm 139:1-12)* Congregation

Scripture Meditation

But when the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together. And one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. "Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?" And he said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets."
(Matthew 22:34-40, ESV)

Corporate Confession of Sin Unison Reading

O Father, we are gathered before you, the Maker of Heaven and Earth, whose chosen dwelling place is with the broken and contrite, to confess that we have sinned in thought and word and deed; we have not loved you with all our heart and soul,

we have not loved you with all our mind and strength; we have not even loved our neighbor as ourselves.

Purge us from selfishness, the fear of man, and the love of praise. In your mercy, deepen our sorrow for the wrong we have done and for the good we have left undone, so that we may hate our sin with a holy hatred.

But, please Father, do not leave us in sorrow. With you, O Lord, there is forgiveness. In your mercy, restore the joy of our salvation; so that we may love you with a holy love. Amen.

From *The Valley of Vision*

Pastoral Prayer

His Tithes & Our Offerings

*Doxology

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

*Hymn 498 *Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners* Congregation

Children's Message
(Children aged 3 to 5 years dismissed to Children's Church Program)

Scripture Reading Isaiah 50:1-11

Sermon "The Servant's Obedience" Pastor McArthur

*Hymn 688 *Have Thine Own Way, Lord!* Congregation

*Benediction

*Offering of Praise 735 *The Gloria Patri* Congregation

*Postlude
*Those who are able, please stand.

Today's Schedule

8:50 am	Early Prayer (Pastor's Study)
9:00 am	Sunday School
10:00 am	Morning Worship Service
5:00 pm	Choir Practice
6:00 pm	Children's Groups and Adult Bible Study

This Week at Olivet

Tuesday	Ladies Evening Circle, 7 pm
Wednesday	Youth Group Meets, 6 pm (Fellowship Hall)
	Prayer Meeting, 7 pm (Conference Room)

Looking Ahead (Please Mark Your Calendars!)

Next Sunday	Joint Officers Meeting, 2 pm
January 24	Fellowship Presbytery Meets a Trinity PCA in Van Wyck
March 15	Missions Conference with Garry Chambers, Guest Preacher

What about Islam?

During our Sunday evening Bible Study we're being led Pete Lawson and Austin Simpson in a study on teachings of Islam led by Pete Lawson and Austin Simpson. Join at 6 pm tonight us as we continue delve into this important and timely topic.

Faith Promise for World Missions

2025 Faith Promise <i>Pledged</i> , April 30, 2025	\$ 14,460.00
2025 Faith Promise <i>Received to date</i>	\$ 10,630.00

Collection Duty

January	Michael Laws, Richard Sikes
February	Brent Christenberry, Jamie Clinton

Nursery Team

Today (1/11)	Gracie Horton, Gwen Carlisle
Next Sunday (1/18)	Addisyn Sikes, Laura Frame

Children's Church Team

Today (1/11)	Scharlie Carlisle, Jane Harshaw
Next Sunday (1/18)	Barb Lawson, Rick Summerville

Devotional Guides

The latest editions of *Our Daily Bread* and *Tabletalk* are now available in the vestibule. Pick up your copy today.

Offering Envelopes

If you haven't yet picked up your weekly offering envelopes for 2026, please do so today. They are available in the vestibule. If you don't find one with your name, please see our Church Treasurer Brent Christenberry.

We're Invited

Filbert Presbyterian Church invites us to participate in their "Gospel-Shaped Marriage" conference planned for Saturday March 28, 2026, from 9am to 1pm. Dr. Chad Van Dixhoorn will be the main speaker, with his wife (and co-author) Emily joining him for Q&A following the plenary sessions. Lunch will be provided at the end of the conference, and nursery will be provided. The cost is \$15/individual and \$25/couple.

Missions Prayer Requests For January

And this is the confidence that we have toward him, that if we ask anything according to his will he hears us (1 John 5:14)

Garry & Anita Chambers (MTW-Caribbean) - Pray for more short-term medical volunteers to serve at the clinic in Belize. Praise that needed food and supplies have been sent to Haiti and Cuba to assist those affected by Hurricane Melissa. Praise that needed support for several Caribbean missionaries has come in. Ask God to continue to supply support needs for those missionaries who still need additional support,

Roger & Laura Dye (Family Life-U.S. Latino) - Pray for the Dyes to have skill to write, translate, and produce resources for Christian families. Also pray that these resources will get into the hands of those who will benefit from them. Finally, pray that the financial needs of the ministry will be met.

Brian Howard (RUF-I Clemson) - Praise for the many guests who attended the RUF-I Christmas party and heard the Christmas story for the first time. Pray that the seeds or the gospel that were scattered during this event will land on fertile soil and bear fruit.

Sara Driggers (Wycliffe) - Continue to pray for Sara and her coworkers as they have experienced and change in leadership

Please remember to pray for all of our missionaries and to continue our financial support through giving.

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